



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA)

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: FRA-04-64T
POSITION TITLE: Deputy Regional Administrator
GS-2101-13/14
GS-13: \$62,905 to \$81,778 per annum
GS-14: \$74,335 to \$96,637 per annum
(Salaries above do not include locality pay)
Full Performance Level: GS-14
Note: This position has special job requirements.
See page 3.

POSITION LOCATION: Federal Railroad Administration
Office of Safety
Kansas City, Missouri
Sacramento, California
Vancouver, Washington

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources (Status and Nonstatus Candidates) (Candidates eligible for special appointing authorities and for consideration under the Career Transition Assistance and Interagency Career Transition Assistance Programs also may apply.)

OPENING DATE: 08-25-04

CLOSING DATE: 09-15-04

NUMBER AND TYPE OF Three Full-Time Permanent Positions

Due to U.S. mail delays, it is recommended that applicants fax, use a professional delivery service (i.e., FedEx, UPS, etc.), email, or personally deliver applications to ensure timely receipt.

DOT is an Equal Opportunity Employer

All qualified applicants will be considered regardless of political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, or other non-merit factors. DOT provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us. Decisions on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Why Work For Us? Transportation impacts every facet of American life, providing people access to work, school, loved ones, and nature's rich bounty. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to transportation excellence and strives to create the best possible integrated air, land, and sea transportation system for America. As a DOT employee, you will become a part of the dedicated workforce who work day-to-day to make measurable improvements in our transportation system, the security of our nation, and the quality of American life.

The Federal Railroad Administration, an Operating Administration under the Department of Transportation, was created to promote and enforce safety throughout the U.S. railroad system, rehabilitate the Northeast Corridor rail passenger services, consolidate Federal support for rail transportation, and support research and development for rail transportation for passengers, railroad employees and the general public.

Summary Of The Essential Job Functions As the Deputy Regional Administrator, you will be required to:

- Serve as the principal technical advisor to the Regional Administrator on all aspects of the regional railroad safety and administrative programs.
- Function as a multi-skilled management and safety generalist participating in the planning, directing and evaluation of regional programs.
- Represent the FRA on DOT multi-modal task forces and at meetings with other Federal agencies, railroad industry officials, elected public officials, news media, unions, civic and private groups on regional transportation issues.
- Supervise the implementation of national and regional safety assurance policies, programs, and regulations including highway-rail grade crossings, track and structures, signals and train control, motive power and equipment, operating practices, hazardous materials safety procedures and railroad noise emissions.
- Supervise regional railroad accident and other special investigations and studies, and waiver, violation and complaint investigations and coordinate these investigations with other Federal and state agencies as appropriate.
- Supervise a workforce comprised of supervisory technical and administrative employees at various grade levels.
- Direct the implementation of FRA policies and programs related to intermodal initiatives that impact the region.
- Manage the development of regional rail safety budget requirements and plans.
- Implement equal employment opportunity and workforce diversity goals and objectives.

What Are The Minimum Qualifications For This Position?

You must have at least one year of specialized experience in or directly related to the essential job functions described above. For Federal employees this experience must have been at the next lower grade level. If you want us to consider experience you obtained outside the Federal Government, it must have been at that same level of complexity.

What Are The Required Knowledge, Skills And Abilities For This Job?

- Extensive knowledge of railroad operations or non-highway ground transportation operations.
- Comprehensive knowledge of issues affecting railroad safety and ability to use this knowledge to develop and initiate new railroad safety programs.
- Ability to perform analytical investigations and special studies and make recommendations to improve railroad safety in the region.
- Ability to supervise/manage a staff.
- Ability to communicate in writing.
- Ability to effectively represent the FRA and promote customer service concepts.

What Are The Desired Knowledge, Skills And Abilities For This Job?

- Experience in performing accident investigations and monitoring rail carriers for compliance with Federal standards.
- Broad knowledge of Federal railroad safety rules, regulations and standards pertaining to at least two of the following: track and structures; signals and train control; motive power and equipment; operating practices; hazardous materials; occupational safety and health.
- Experience in dealing with states participating in FRA's state participation program and railroad carriers and labor unions relative to FRA's regulations and safety program.
- Ability to lead a diverse workforce including: creating a culture that fosters high standards of ethics; developing strategies to maximize employee potential; developing performance plans and monitoring performance; resolving conflicts; fostering workforce diversity on the staff; and recognizing staff contributions.

Other Special Job Requirements

- If selected, you will be required to possess a valid State drivers license at all times while employed by the FRA in order to perform the duties of the position.
- If selected, you must pass a Drug Test prior to appointment unless you are presently employed in a DOT position that requires drug testing. You also will be subject to random drug testing while employed in this safety-sensitive position.
- The position requires extensive travel.
- If selected, you will be required to serve a one-year probationary period for newly appointed supervisors, unless you previously have completed a supervisory or managerial probationary period. Satisfactory completion of the supervisory probationary period is a prerequisite to continuation in the position.

How Will The Qualified Applicants Be Further Evaluated And Rated To

Identify The Best Qualified? If you are basically qualified for this job, you will be further evaluated on the quality and extent of your total accomplishments, experience and education related to the knowledge, skills and abilities listed above. We also may consider your

performance appraisal, awards, and relevant training. Your ranking will measure the degree to which your background matches the demands of this position.

What Employee Benefits Do We Provide? The Federal Government offers excellent benefits, flexible work schedules and family-friendly programs. You will receive paid annual leave and sick leave. This is a permanent position and you will be eligible for retirement, health insurance, life insurance and Long Term Care insurance. A brief summary of the Federal benefits for permanent employees can be found at www.usajobs.opm.gov/EI61.htm.

Before You Go Any Further, Here Are Some Other Things You Need to Know

- United States citizenship is required. (Proof of citizenship will be required to be shown upon appointment.)
- If you are a male between the ages of 18 and 26 or were born after December 31, 1959, certification is required at the time you are employed that you have registered with the Selective Service for the draft, unless Selective Service has approved a waiver for you.
- Applicants must meet the qualification requirements by the closing date of the announcement. Federal applicants also must meet the time-in-grade requirements by the closing date.
- If you are selected or among the best qualified candidates for this position, you will be subject to a determination of your suitability for Federal employment.
- Before being hired you will be required to sign and verify the accuracy of the information in your application if you have not done so using an application form such as the OF 612.
- If an FRA employee is selected, travel and transportation expenses will be paid if the selection results in a promotion OR for a geographical reassignment if the FRA selectee occupies a position that has significantly different duties from that of this position vacancy. If a candidate outside FRA is selected, travel and transportation expenses will not be paid.
- The FRA has determined that seniority rights, leaves of absence, and reemployment rights generally constitute an actual or an appearance of a conflict of interest. New employees may be required to divest themselves of such rights immediately upon hire if these rights are determined to constitute an actual or appearance of a conflict of interest. If new employees are permitted to retain such rights, which is generally the case for Railroad Safety positions, the rights must be divested at the end of the one year probationary period. No waivers of this requirement will be granted.
- If selected, you will be subject to the Standards of Ethical Conduct applicable to all DOT employees.
- FRA employees are prohibited from owning railroad stock, except, under certain circumstances, as part of a diversified mutual fund.
- Applicants with “competitive status” as current or former Federal Government employees may be given first consideration.

How To Apply For This Position

- You must submit your current SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment), Resume, or an OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment). You may choose which form to submit provided it contains all required information. Required information is listed in the section below labeled “Here’s What Your Application Must Contain.” **Please be sure to indicate the grade level(s) and duty location(s) for which you are making application.**
- For maximum consideration, tell us how you meet the "Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs)" for this position. The KSAs for this position are found above.
- For Federal applicants, a complete performance appraisal is required. It must be current – meaning it was issued to you within the past year – and it must be official – meaning it appraises your performance over a normal rating cycle in your present job and has been signed by your supervisor. If you are unable to submit your current performance appraisal, please tell us why. You also should submit a copy of your latest SF-50 "Notification of Personnel Action" that reflects career or career-conditional tenure.
- To be considered for selection priority under the Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP), you must submit appropriate certification that you are eligible. You also must meet the job’s minimum qualifications and rate at least Highly Qualified on the crediting plan for each knowledge, skill and ability requirement that is listed in this announcement.
- The "Area of Consideration" section shown on the first page indicates who may apply for this position. All United States citizens may apply. Candidates may be eligible to be considered three ways: as a current or former Federal Government employee with “status;” as a “nonstatus” candidate (candidates with no prior Federal Government service); and as a candidate eligible for a special appointment authority. **You must submit a complete application package for each type of consideration you are eligible and wish to be considered.** You also must submit appropriate proof of your eligibility as a status candidate and as a candidate eligible for a special appointment authority, including your eligibility for veteran preference.

Where To Send Your Application

- You may **mail or deliver** your application to the Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Human Resources, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20590.
- If you are faxing your application, please limit the application to **a maximum of 20 pages** and include a cover sheet. Our fax number is 202/493-6169. We will not accept applications faxed from a Federal Government fax machine. You may email your application to teresa.overmier@fra.dot.gov.
- ALL applications must be in our office or postmarked by the closing date of the announcement.
- Applications mailed in a Government envelope will not be accepted.

HERE'S WHAT YOUR APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN

JOB INFORMATION

- Announcement number and title of the position

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Full name
- Mailing address (with Zip Code)
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship (Most Federal jobs require United States citizenship)
- Veterans' preference
(**Proof Required – Attach DD 214**)
- Federal employees & Reinstatement eligibles (**Attach SF-50**)
- Highest Federal civilian grade held

EDUCATION

- High School name, city, state, and date of diploma or GED
- College/University names, city, and state
- Major(s)
- Type and year of degree(s) received

WORK EXPERIENCE

(paid and unpaid)

- Job Title
- Duties and accomplishments
- Employer's name and address (indicate if we may contact your current supervisor)
- Supervisor's name and telephone number
- Starting and ending dates (month and year)
- Hours per week
- Salary and/or Grade (GS-or equivalent)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Job-related training courses (title and year)
- Job-related skills (e.g., foreign languages, computer software/hardware, etc.)
- Job-related certificates and licenses (current only)
- Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards and publications) (give dates)

Privacy Act Requirements: The forms referenced in this announcement are used to determine applicants' qualifications for the position and are authorized under 5 U.S.C. 3302 and 3361.

Questions?

Call Teresa Overmier at 202/493-6116 or TDD 202/493-6487 or 6488, or email at teresa.overmier@fra.dot.gov. Please reference the announcement number so we can help you more efficiently.

Para mas informacion en espanol sobre este anuncio de vacante o cualquier otra informacion sobre empleo en las Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), por favor llame a Francisco Gonzalez 202/493-6076. La FRA es un empleador con igualdad de oportunidad en el empleo, y que por medio de programas de accion afirmativa mantiene un ambiente multicultural. Todos los que soliciten reciban igual consideracion, sin ninguna excepcion, por raza, color, religion, sexo, origin nacional, politica, inpedimento fisico o edad.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS: If you need a copy of this announcement in an alternative format to accommodate a disability, please contact Marcella Mullins at marcie.mullins@fra.dot.gov, on 202/493-6114 or at the TDD number 202/493-6487 or 6488.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you are requesting reasonable accommodation in connection with applying for this vacancy, please contact Marcella Mullins as listed above.